Setting up power projects in Gujarat

4288. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has requested for more share of power from central pool;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal/request to setup a new power project in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) No request has been received from the Government of Gujarat for additional allocation of power from the unallocated quota of Central Generating Stations in Western Region.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The following proposals for setting up of new power projects in the State of Gujarat have been received by the Central Electricity Authority:-

1. Jamnagar Petcoke based Thermal Power Station (TPS) (2x250 MW) by Reliance Power Limited.
2. Kutch Lignite Based TPS Extension Unit 4 (1 x75 MW) by Gujarat Electricity Board.
3. Surat Lignite Power Project Expansion Phase-ll (2x125 MW) by M/s. Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited.
4. Sikka TPS Extension Units 3 & 4 (2x250 MW) by Gujarat Electricity Board.

While project proposals at SI. Nos. 1 & 2 have been accorded Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC) by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on 25.04.1999 and 6.03.2002 respectively, the proposals at SI. Nos. 3 & 4 are under process for accord of TEC in CEA.

Demand and supply of power in Gujarat

4289. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the current demand and supply position of power in the State of Gujarat; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to meet the full demand of power of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) During the year 2002-03, the power supply position in the State of Gujarat was as under:

Energy (MU		Peak (MW)	
Requirement	60175	Peak Demand	8641
Availability	53316	Peak Met	7336
Shortage	6859	Deficit	1305
%	11.4	%	15.1

(b) Electricity is a concurrent subject. Supply and distribution of electricity in a State is the responsibility of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned. The following steps are being taken in order to mitigate power shortage in Gujarat:

(i) Besides capacity addition of 1882 MW in State Sector (including multi-State project) and 500 MW in Private Sector in Gujarat, generation capacity of 5367 MW is planned to be set up in Central Sector in Western Region during Tenth Plan in which Gujarat will have entitlements.

(ii) Implementation of Renovation, Modernization and Life Extension (R&M & LE) Schemes for old and inefficient generating units for overall improvement in generation performance.

(iii) Maximization of generation at existing power stations by reducing period of overhauls.

(iv) Purchase of power from captive power plants and neighbouring States.

(v) Demand Side Management, promotion of energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.

(vi) Enhancement in evacuation of surplus power from Eastern Region to other regions by setting up of inter-regional links. Recently 400 kV Rourkela-Raipur double circuit transmission line has been commissioned and the two regional grids *(viz.* Eastern and Western) have been connected in synchronous mode.

(vii) Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) has been launched to bring about reforms in electricity distribution in the States.

Villages electrified in U.P.

4290. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the State of U.P. which have been electrified and pumpsets energized on the 31st March, 2003;

(b) the number of villages in District Azamgarh which are yet to be electrified and by when these are likely to be covered; and

(c) what- steps have been taken to ensure that electricity supply is continuously provided to the villagers during harvesting season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) According to Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL), 56746 villages have been declared electrified (Provisional) and 799020 pumpsets energized as on 31.03.2003.

(b) It has been further reported by UPPCL that 2254 villages are remaining to be electrified in Azamgarh district. These villages would be electrified as and when the financial position of UPPCL improves.

(c) The supply to rural areas have been increased from 8.00 hours to 9.00 hours w.e.f. 1.04.2003 for harvesting and threshing purpose.

Hydro-power projects under construction

†4291. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hydro-power projects under construction in the country at present along with their total capacity;

(b) the number of hydro-power projects likely to be started in this year; and

(c) the quantum of power estimated to be generated from such projects?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.